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Title: ISOLATION OF SF6 FROM INSULATING GASES IN GAS-
INSULATED LINES

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2002, the period for response to which expires on June 15, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-7 as follows:

(A copy of the marked-up version of amended claims 3-7 is attached to this Amendment.)

Please amend claims 3-7 as follows:

3. (Amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein said membrane separator comprising at least one separating membrane comprises at least two separating membrane stages.

4. (Amended) A process according to claim 3, wherein said membrane separator comprising at least two separating membrane stages comprises three